

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 736

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Darlene Goins Brown
on being named a 2016 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Goins Brown is one such estimable individual who has been named a 2016 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, after thirty-five years working in the title company industry as co-owner and president of Legal Title and then as a realtor and managing broker, Darlene Brown started her own real estate firm, Real Estate Partners, in 2007 and has since elevated the company to a position as the number one locally owned real estate firm in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, one of the first residents of downtown Chattanooga, Ms. Brown began her career in real estate when she saw the revitalization of Chattanooga's downtown area and decided to take part by boldly helping to develop the Loveman's Building into a series of condos; and

WHEREAS, a paragon of her industry, she has held numerous positions over the past twenty years with the Greater Chattanooga Association of Realtors, most notably serving as president of both the MLS Board and the greater GCAR Board, two boards that represent the larger realtor community comprising nearly 2,000 members; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Brown also acted as president of both the Chattanooga and Tennessee chapters of the Women's Council of Realtors; and

WHEREAS, an exemplar to her peers, she now serves on the board of directors of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, the board of directors of Cohutta Bank, and as a board member of the Association for Visual Arts; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her community, Ms. Brown has a lengthy history of volunteer work and was the first female member of the Downtown Civitan Club, co-founder and president of the Chattanooga Chapter of Ileitis and Colitis, president of the Parent's Council at McCallie School, and a member of the McCallie Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband, Buck Schimpf, and they are the proud parents of Ryan May; and

WHEREAS, she also served as director of the Junior Miss Pageant for ten years and opened her home to more than thirty young women; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Darlene Brown takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee its reputation as the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Ms. Brown, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Darlene Goins Brown on being named a 2016 Woman of Distinction, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.